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WASHINGTON, August 30, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 25 totaled 345,011, down 0.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 1.7 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 0.1 percent in the West and 1.3 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of chemicals were up 2,067 cars (7.5 percent), while grain loadings were up 1,329 cars (5.1 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 2,771 cars (13.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 34 weeks of 1990 totaled 11,482,012, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 123,205 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 25, up 5.7 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of 1990 was 3,980,510 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 25 totaled 21.0 billion, up 2.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 681.5 billion ton-miles, up 4.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,527	26,198	5.1 %	26,829	2.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	861	933	-7.7	852	1.1
Metallic Ores	17,260	20,031	-13.8	17,015	1.4
Coal	134,789	132,944	1.4	132,349	1.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,868	17,804	-5.3	16,796	.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,880	10,103	-12.1	8,564	3.7
Grain Mill Products	9,972	9,890	.8	10,308	-3.3
Food & Kindred Products	8,468	8,715	-2.8	8,738	-3.1
Primary Forest Products	9,630	10,280	-6.3	9,666	-.4
Lumber & Wood Products	6,164	6,936	-11.1	5,895	4.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,882	10,871	-9.1	10,381	-4.8
Chemicals	29,449	27,382	7.5	28,657	2.8
Petroleum Products	5,605	5,305	5.7	5,311	5.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,386	11,135	-6.7	10,700	-2.9
Coke	5,925	5,395	9.8	6,166	-3.9
Metals & Products	10,455	9,817	6.5	10,345	1.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,125	17,888	-4.3	15,651	9.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,037	8,342	8.3	8,647	4.5
All Other Carloads	6,728	7,723	-12.9	6,366	5.7
Total	**345,011**	**347,692**	**-.8 %**	**339,236**	**1.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 34 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 25, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**345,011**	**347,692**	**-.8 %**	**11,482,012**	**11,340,790**	**1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,038	65,221	1.3	2,226,066	2,240,271	-.6
Containers	57,167	51,301	11.4	1,754,444	1,602,687	9.5
Total	**123,205**	**116,522**	**5.7**	**3,980,510**	**3,842,958**	**3.6**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.0**	**20.5**	**2.4 %**	**681.5**	**654.3**	**4.2 %**

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